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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director for
Planning and Coordination

SUBJECT: The Intelligence Advisory Committee

REFERENCE: Progress Reports of the IAC Agencies to
the NSC and of Six Interagency Committees
to the IAC (in notebook, attached)

1. The IAC is established by NSCID-1 (paragraph 1)
and operates under procedures established by DCID 1/1.

2. The Committee now meets every Tuesday at 10:45 a.m.
in the Director's Conference Room. Beginning with the first
meeting under General Smith (20 October 1950), the business of
the Committee has been reflected in agenda (the IAC-"A" series),
minutes (the IAC-"M" series) and documents (the IAC-"D" series).
The bulk of the Committee's time in session is devoted to con-
sidering and adopting national estimates, but all members under-
stand, and Mr. Dulles recently reaffirmed, that they are free
to bring before the Committee any question affecting the intelli-
gence community, as well as estimates. Much of the business
of the Committee is conducted out of session by the consideration
of circulated documents. (In its first 140 weeks, the IAC con-
sidered 150 estimates and 149 documents). The Secretariat
has been continuously furnished by OIC, Mr. Reber serving as
Secretary from October 1950 to November 1952 and [REDACTED]
from that time since.

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3. Over the past six years, the IAC has established
^{ten} eleven interagency committees to handle various aspects of in-
telligence. These groups, listed in the front page of the attached
notebook, are responsible to the IAC and provide a mechanism
for discharging some of the community's business short of the
IAC.

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4. Apart from these and in addition, each agency maintains a staff, of varying size and internal location, whose members are readily available for informal consultation, singly or together, on any intelligence coordination problems. The efforts of these officers are often productive of interagency recommendations to the IAC which that Committee can consider with a minimum of original inquiry (e.g., the Semi-Annual Status Report to the NSC on the Foreign Intelligence Program, the current version of which is included in the attached notebook).

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